

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 7, 2006. Claims 32 to 40 are pending in the application, of which Claims 32, 36 and 37 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 32, 36 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,481,353 (Hicks). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 32 is directed to control method for a printing system, the printing system including an information processing apparatus and a print device, the information processing apparatus having a printer driver designated a presentation mode as a print setting and the print device capable of executing an ordinary print process or a presentation-mode print process which makes presentation material and distribution material, the method comprising. The method comprises, performing by the information processing apparatus: a job issue step of issuing a single print job according to print setting set by a user via Graphical User Interface of the printer driver. The method further comprises, performing by the print device a judgment step of judging whether or not the single print job contains a specific command which designates the presentation mode; a step of, in a case where it is judged in said judgment step that the single print job does not contain the specific command, executing an ordinary print process; and a step of, in a case where it is judged in said judgment step that the single print job contains the specific command, executing the presentation-mode print process which makes presentation material and a distribution

material corresponding to the specific command in the single print job that designates the presentation mode, wherein said information processing apparatus adds the specific command that designates the presentation mode to the single job, the specific command is a command to designate the presentation-mode print process, a command to designate the number of copies of the distribution material, and a color setting command of the distribution material.

In contrast, Hicks discloses that a GUI is provided in a printer, and detailed print setting for transparencies, dividers, master set and handout set(s) for presentation can be executed from the GUI (Fig. 3). More specifically, Fig. 3 and the corresponding explanation thereof disclose that the setting of full color output and black-and-white output can be executed for each of the transparencies, the dividers, the master set and the handout set(s).

However, Hicks fails to disclose or suggest an information processing apparatus issuing a single print job according to a print setting set by a user via Graphical User Interface of the printer driver and a print device judging whether or not the single print job and executing an ordinary print process or executing the [[a]] presentation-mode print process which makes presentation material and a distribution material corresponding to the specific command in the single print job that designates the presentation mode based on whether or not the specific command is included in the single print job. Furthermore, Hicks fails to disclose or suggest that the information processing apparatus adds the specific command that designates the presentation mode to the single job, the specific command is a command to designate the presentation-mode print process, a command to

designate the number of copies of the distribution material, and a color setting command of the distribution material.

In light of the deficiencies of Hicks as discussed above, Applicant submits that amended independent Claim 32 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 36 and 37 are directed to a computer-readable storage medium and a system, respectively, substantially in accordance with the method of Claim 32. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 36 and 37 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

REQUEST FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Applicants request that the Examiner conduct a personal or telephonic interview with Applicants' representative regarding this case. If such an interview has not been conducted before the Examiner takes this Amendment into consideration, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative as indicated below.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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